communications 2·97 and 5·51 for buildings. In 1113 it was 3·01 for communications and 3·91 for buildings. In 1114 for communications it was 3·77 and for buildings 3·48. In 1115 after all the buildings have been provided for, the people began to get a good share of the main provision for communications and a provision of 4·12 for communications and 4·16 for buildings has been made. During the five years the total figure for communications comes to 21·21 as against 19·98 for buildings. This sort of spending money is quite good for the few. My submission is that in view of the fact that the schemes of the Road Board involving large amounts have been pending, because of paucity of funds, it will be proper for the Government, if the construction of public buildings is reduced to a minimum and means of communications are properly attended to to a greater extent. Even in this year's budget, some partiality seems to be in evidence towards buildings. From the details of the P. W. D. budget, it is seen that some of the urgent works necessary are the construction of a pavilion in the Maharaja's College costing 9 thousand and odd rupees. God alone knows what it is for. Then a sum of Rs. 25,000 is provided for improving and for constructing additional office buildings in Trichur. In the Standing Finance Committee meeting, the Secretary to Government assured me that an amount of 11 thousand rupees is urgently necessary for the reconstruction of the Land Record Office and that there is every chance of the whole building falling down upon the Superintendent. My point in placing this before the House is that if such things are absolutely necessary they might be resorted to. My submission is that as far as possible a large portion of the amount should be devoted to the working of the schemes of the Road Board thereby giving facilities for communication and solving the problem of unemployment in rural parts.

One more point and I close. The question is what we should do with the surplus amount at our disposal. We have a Minister who has got as many schemes as could be contained in the heads of almost all of us. He accused me last year that I have no schemes at all. I plead guilty to that charge. The amount at the disposal of the Minister is far too small and I contend that, if he is given more funds, he will be able to develop his remarkable schemes such as poultry rearing and bee-keeping, thereby improving the condition of the rural population.

Election of the Deputy President

The Election of the Deputy President was then proceeded with (5 p.m.). The Hon'ble President announced that the following

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members had been nominated as Candidates for election.—

Mr. A. L. Antony
,, K. Ayyappan
,, C. R. Iyyunni
,, M. K. Devassy
,, L. M. Pylee

Messrs. L. M. Pylee, A. L. Antony and M. K. Devassy having withdrawn, only two persons ultimately contested. The election was held by ballot.

Mr. K. Ayyappan was declared elected as Deputy President, as he secured 34 votes and Mr. C. R. Iyyunni, only 22 Votes. One vote was found invalid.

The House rose for the day at 5-25 p.m.

C. J. MATHEW
Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX

MINUTES OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, the *22nd July 1940* / *7th Karkadagam 1115*

The Committee met at 2 p.m. in the Council Hall.

Present

M. R. Ry. K. Achyuta Menon Avl.,
Secretary to Government (Chairman)
Rama Varmha Tampuran,
Comptroller of Finance and Accounts
M. R. Ry. P. J. George Avl.,
Joint Secretary to Government
,, V. K. Bhaskara Menon Avl.
,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar Avl.
,, B. M. Peter Avl.
,, C. J. Mathew Avl., *(Secretary)*

The following item of supplementary grant was considered and passed :

Rs. 1,050 under "2.C—Veterinary—Medicines."

The Committee rose at 2-5 p.m.

C. J. MATHEW
Secretary to the Council

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